AIR commercial service for Gulf conn-tries

423. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the AIR proposes to set up a commercial service for the Gulf coun tries and strengthen its external broadcast ing service during the Seventh Five Year' Plan period;

(b) if so, the number of short wave station's with strength, which are proposed to be set up for the commercial broadcasts; and

(c) what steps are being taken to streng then the external services in view of the fact that our broadcasts cannot be properly heard in some neighbouring countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) . (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) tw_0 Transmitters of 250 KW SW each, with studios etc., facilities.

(c) In addition to the existing two 250 KW SW transmitters at Aligarh, 2 more 250 KW SW transmitters have been installed and commissioned at Aligarh during the 6th Plan period. Implementation of the schemes to set up 2 more 250 KW SW transmitters at Delhi and a further 2 numbers of 500 KW SW transmitters at Bangalore is going on.

THE schemes are expected to be completed in 1986-87. With the installation and commissioning of these transmitters, the signals on AIR's external services will be more distinctly and dearly heard in the target area countries.

Telephoto Machine at PIB Office in Lncknow

424. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will tie Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the year in which the telephoto machine was installed at the PIB Office, Lucknow and at what cost;

(b) the number of days this machine has been used to take photographs and have those distributed to the local pipers the same day; and

(c) the reasons for not making adequate use of the machine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) The Telephoto machine was installed at the PIB Office, Lucknow, in October 1983. An amount of Rs. 1,12,594.00 was spent on purchasing the machine and its installation apart from insurance and freight charges.

(b) and (c) The equipment has so far been used only on a trial basis. It will be used to transmit photographs from P.I.B's. headquarters at New Delhi to P.I.B. Lucknow after technical arrangements with the Telecommunication Department fo_r transmission of news photographs are finalised.

Construction of flats at Pitampura -wad Jehangirpuri. Delhi

425. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state;

(a) what is the number of Middle in come, Low Income and Janata $flat_s$ which were expected to be constructed by the Delhj Development Authority at Pitam pura and Jehangirpuri under the ^{new} Pattern;

(b) the names of the contractors of Pitampura MIG flats; what is the amount of money which has been paid to the contractors and the amount outstanding, if any;

(c) whether any enquiry has been con-ducted into the quality of construction of DDA flats at Pitampura and Jehangirpuri;